

Red Drum Recreational Angler Survey

1. How often do you fish in salt water (ocean, bays, rivers, streams influenced by tides)?

☐ 1 time per year
☐ 1 time per month
☐ 1 time per week
☐ Several times per week

2. When you fish in salt water, what fish species do you target?

	Always	Usually	Rarely	Never
Red drum	4	3	2	1
Spotted Seatrout	4	3	2	1
Flounder	4	3	2	1
Sheepshead	4	3	2	1
Other (Please Specify)	_____			

3. When you go fishing do you

	Always	Usually	Rarely	Never
Fly fish	4	3	2	1
Sight cast	4	3	2	1
Bottom fish	4	3	2	1
Gig	4	3	2	1
Other (Please Specify)	_____			

4. Do you practice catch and release fishing (do you put some fish back into the water alive?)

	Always	Usually	Rarely	Never
	4	3	2	1

The next several questions refer to your habits when fishing for **red drum**. If you do not fish for red drum, please skip to question 17.

5. When you fish for red drum, what type of habitat do you fish in?

	Always	Usually	Rarely	Never
Surf	4	3	2	1
Marsh grass	4	3	2	1
Tidal Creeks	4	3	2	1
Mud /Oyster Bar	4	3	2	1
Other (please specify)	_____			

6. When you fish for red drum, where do you fish from?

	Always	Usually	Rarely	Never
Pier/Jetty	4	3	2	1
Beach	4	3	2	1
Private/rental boat	4	3	2	1
Party/charter boat	4	3	2	1
Other (please specify)	_____			

7. When fishing for red drum, do you spend most of your time fishing for
☐ Adult red drum (over 24 inches)
☐ Juvenile red drum (under 24 inches)
☐ Either/ doesn't matter
8. The last time you caught red drum, how many did you keep?
☐ 0
☐ 1-2
☐ 3-5
☐ more than 5
9. The last time you caught red drum, how many did you release alive in each size category?
☐ Less than 15 inches
☐ Legal Size Slot (15 to 24 inches)
☐ Greater than 24 inches
10. When thinking about the last time you went fishing and caught a red drum, what type of bait were you using?
☐ Live/natural bait (squid, minnows, shrimp, etc)
☐ Artificial bait (plug, spoon, etc)
☐ Fly
11. When thinking about the last time you caught a red drum, what type of hook were you using?



- ☐ J-Hook ☐ Treble Hook ☐ Circle Hook
☐ Offset Circle Hook
☐ Other (Please Specify) _____

12. What size and brand was this hook?
13. If you used live/ natural bait, did you use
☐ Barbed hooks
☐ Barb-less hooks
14. The last time you caught a red drum, in what part of the body was the fish hooked?
☐ Mouth
☐ Gills
☐ Gut
☐ Other (please specify) _____
15. In 2001 the South Carolina regulations for red drum changed. There is now a bag limit of 2 fish per angler per day and a slot limit of 15-24 inches total length. Were you aware of this change?
☐ Yes
☐ No

16. If you knew that there was a hook available that would help you catch more fish and cause less injury to those fish thrown back, would you switch?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Classification information

17. What is your gender?

☐ Male

☐ Female

18. What is your age?

☐ Under 18

☐ 35-49

☐ 18-24

☐ 50-64

☐ 25-34

☐ 65+

19. Are you a member of any of these organizations (check all that apply)?

☐ South Carolina Coastal Conservation
Association (SCCCA)

☐ A sport fishing club

(Please write club name here) _____

20. Have you filled out this survey before?

☐ Yes

☐ No

21. Which county do you most often fish in?

22. If you would like to be included in a drawing for cash prizes (\$500, \$200, \$150, \$75, \$75), please write your name, address, and phone number here.

Additional

Comments _____

Please return survey too:

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